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Dear Terry,

Thanks for your good wishes.

The old venous blockages are giving me more trouble but the triple bypass is not and I seem to be doing well with and after it.

You say you've given your book, files and other things to your library. Perhaps you might also want them to have a record that everything I have will be a permanent archive at local Hood College.

Possibly those who use your library may want more information. What Hood will have takes up about 60 file cabinets.

Where the books you mention relate to the actual events, to a large degree they use what I first published and brought to light. Some misrepresent some of this grossly. I'd prefer not to make any detailed comment on any, I do have questions, varying in number and seriousness about all you mention. and at my age and the state of my health I want to avoid all the unnecessary controversy I can avoid.

Some recount matters I was part of and cannot recognize from their accounts.

Because Davis behaved so very badly with him, I'll use him to illustrate. He asked me for help. I told him I was able to do little but if he wanted me to I'd arrange for him to have a research assistant I would get from Hood if he would pay her. He and she would have unlimited access and could use my copier to make copies. That senior worked here all her spare time for a year. I have no idea what she copied and sent him, but I placed no barriers and she had unsupervised access to the files and the copier. He also took a lot of my time responding to his various baseless theories, a lot of my time at my age and state of health. None of this, of course, is in his book. Check his acknowledgements. Then compare page 414 of the hardback with the paperback reprint. It took a considerable amount of time and effort to get him to eliminate most of his complete fabrication and his trading on my name and to this day he has found one excuse after another for refusing to return to me copies of some of my correspondence my copies of which disappeared with his researcher.

Elsewhere he describes the late Jack Wasserman, who in actuality was one of the best immigration lawyers in the country, as top mafia Marcello's top lawyer. He wasn't. He was the immigration lawyer only. Then on 414 he says that Wasserman and Marcello were so worried about what HSCA was publishing that they got in touch with me and that Wasserman spent much of a year rummaging through my files. I never heard from Marcello. Wasserman asked nothing of me. He was never even here. We never met. I got in touch with him seeking comment on what HSCA said and sent him a few pages of records in this. And that is it. Period.

And do I have to tell you that he paid me nothing (I didn't ask for anything, either, but he did take a lot of my time) and he was so damned cheap he didn't even send me a copy of his book. Which is a stinker and totally irrelevant and undependable. He was pretty free with bad checks, to me for the cost of the xeroxing, lower than my actual cost, and to the researcher. To me he blamed it on his bank!

Misinformation and disinformation the country does not need but it abounds.

Best wishes,

Harold

Harold Weisberg